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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Friday, December 15, 2017

Issued: 0800 CT

Day 1 Weather Impacts: *No Significant Weather Impacts.*

National Weather Service

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Key Points



Today

- No significant weather impacts are expected

Saturday - Monday

- Elevated to critical fire weather conditions Saturday for NE NM into the TX/OK Panhandles, north TX, and western/central OK
- Showers and a few thunderstorms possible for the eastern half of the Region beginning late Saturday and snow possible for portions of NM
- No significant weather impacts are expected at this time
- Isolated severe storms and heavy rain/flash flooding possible in S LA

Tuesday

- No significant weather impacts are expected

FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Dec 15, 2017 through Dec 19, 2017

	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE
Severe Weather			S LA		
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding			S LA		
Fire Weather		NE NM, TX/OK Panhandles, N TX, W&Cntrl OK			
Winter					
River Flooding					

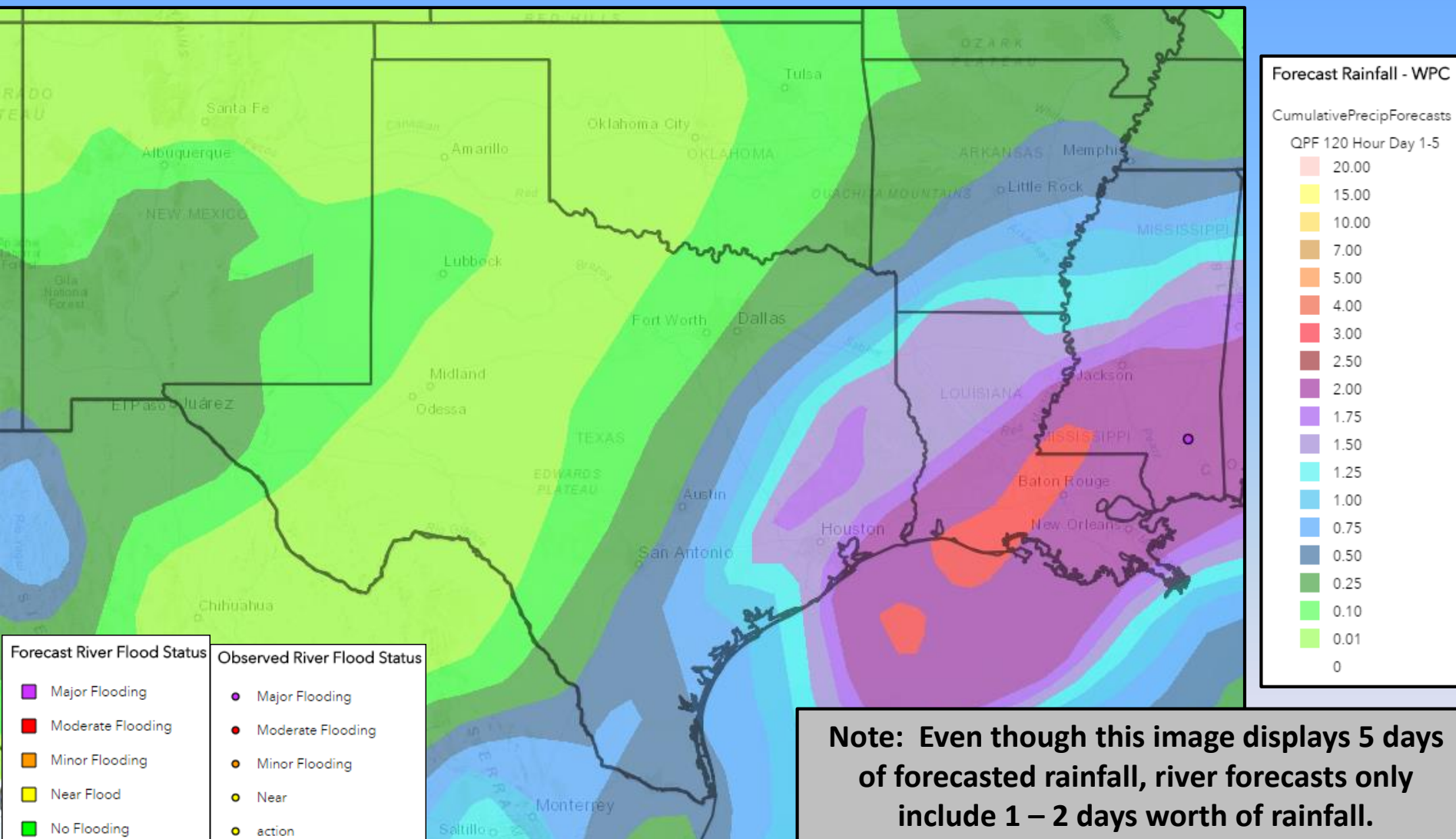
	No Weather Threats Expected
	Very Common – Happens Often
	Common – Happens Frequently
	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year
	Rare – Once Every 1-5 Years
	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years

For more details on the colors in the threat matrix refer to the last slide in this briefing.



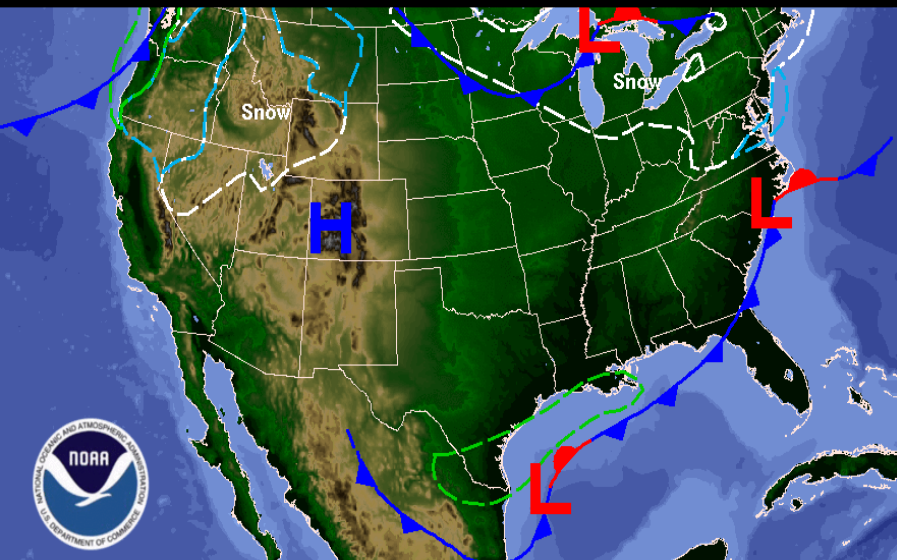
5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status

No significant river flooding is occurring or expected.



For the latest on river flooding: <http://water.weather.gov/ahps>

Today's Weather

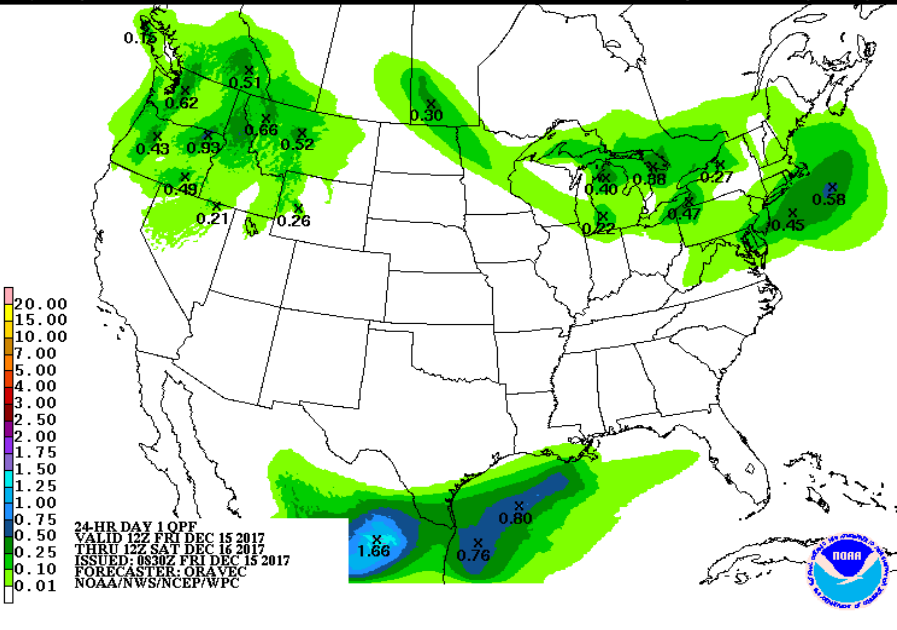


No significant weather is expected.

Day 1 National Forecast Chart

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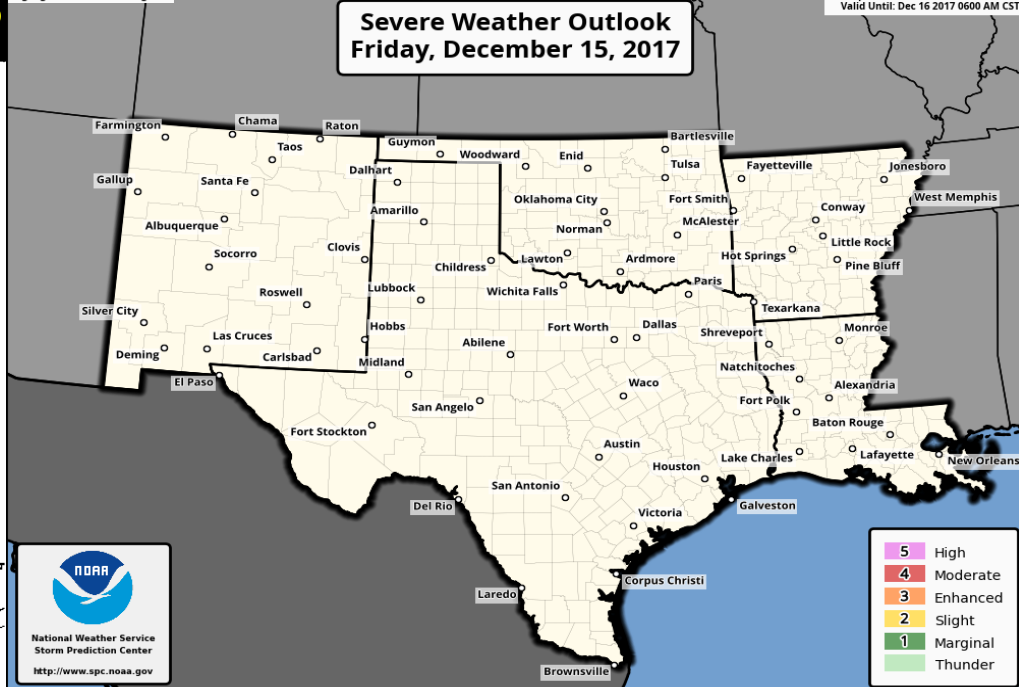
Rain
Rain and T'Storms
Rain and Snow
Snow
Flash Flooding Possible (hatched)
Severe T'Storms Possible (hatched)
Freezing Rain Possible (hatched)
Heavy Snow Possible (hatched)



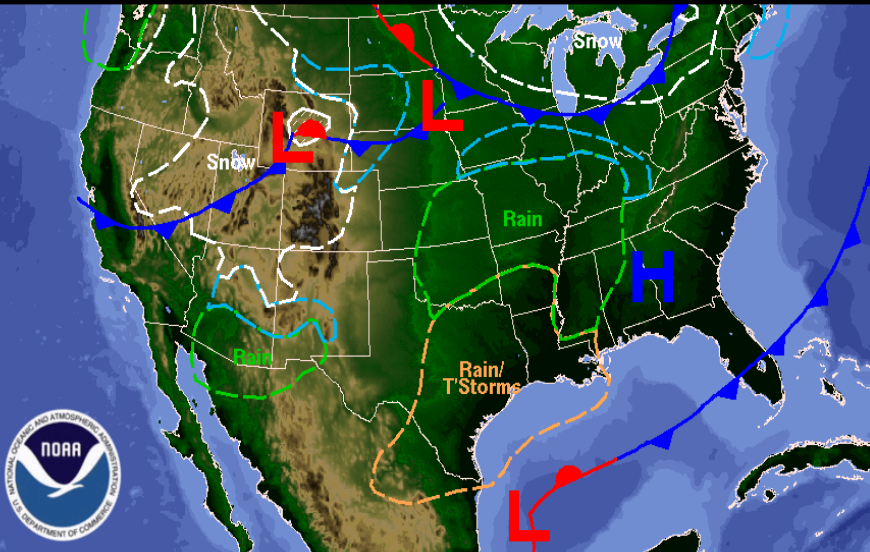
Highlighted Area: FEMA Region 6

Severe Weather Outlook Friday, December 15, 2017

Last Updated: Dec 14 2017 1134 PM CST
Valid Until: Dec 16 2017 0600 AM CST



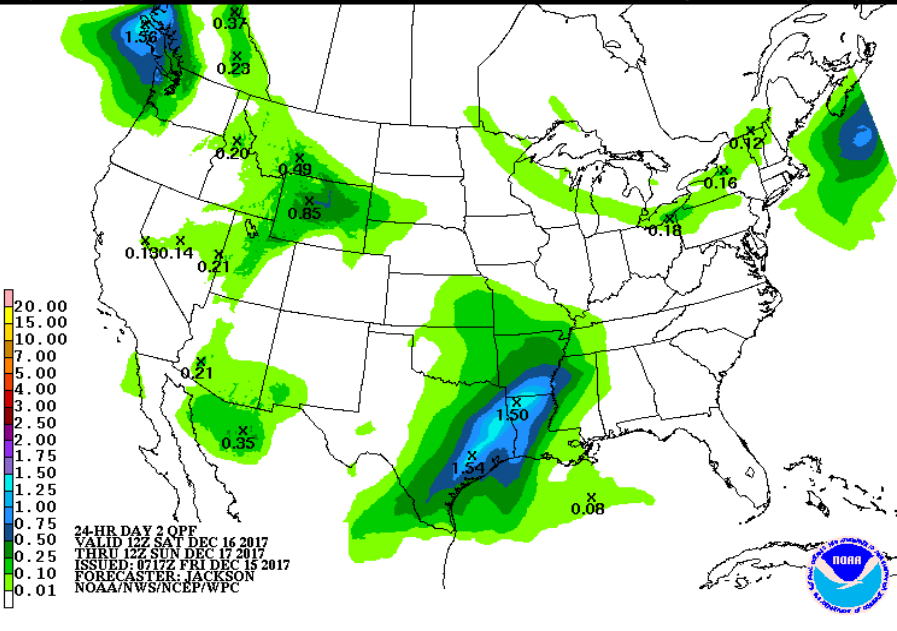
Tomorrow's Weather



Day 2 National Forecast Chart

Valid Sat, Dec 16, 2017, issued 4:10 AM EST Fri, Dec 15, 2017
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 Prepared by Santorelli with WPC/SPC/NHC forecasts

Rain
 Rain and T'Storms
 Rain and Snow
 Snow
 Flash Flooding Possible (hatched)
 Severe T'Storms Possible (hatched)
 Freezing Rain Possible (hatched)
 Heavy Snow Possible (hatched)

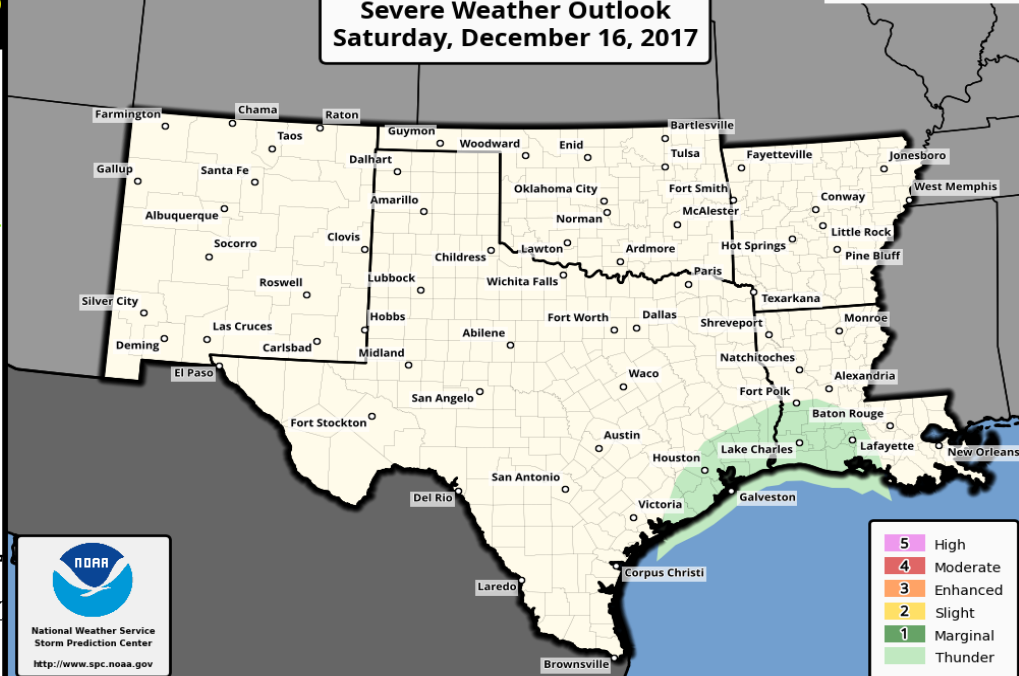


Elevated/critical fire weather conditions across NE NM, the TX/OK Panhandles extending into N TX and Western and Central OK.

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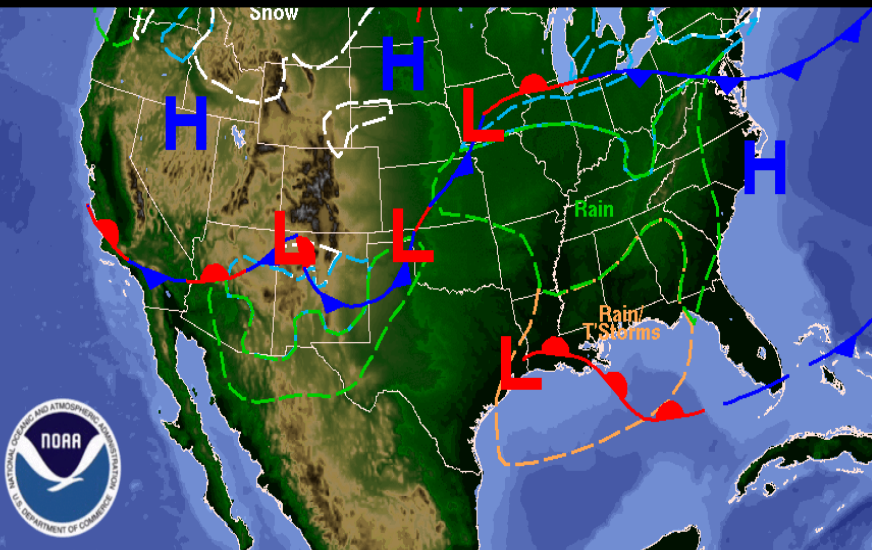
Severe Weather Outlook Saturday, December 16, 2017

Last Updated: Dec 14 2017 1150 PM CST
 Valid Until: Dec 17 2017 0600 AM CST



Sunday's Weather

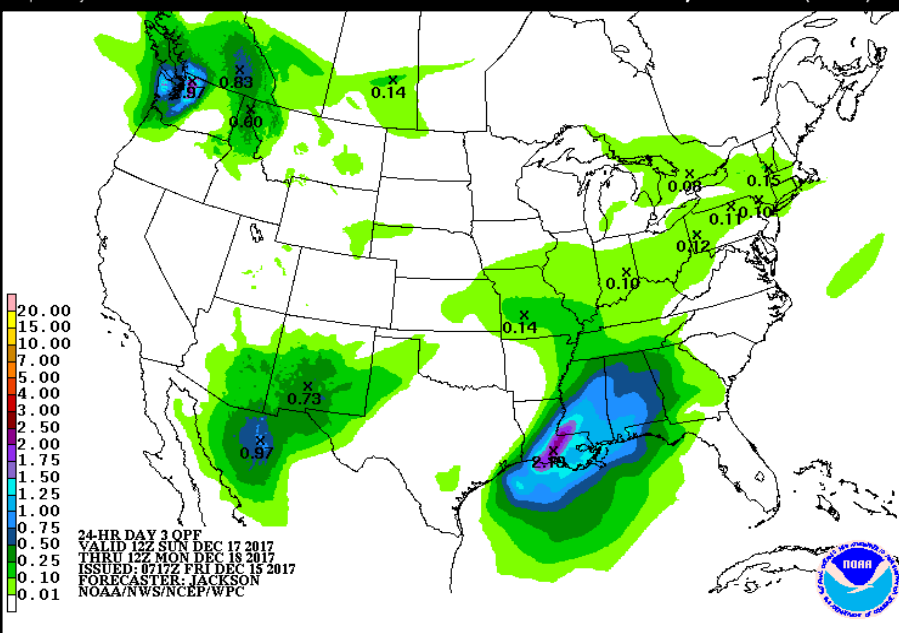
Isolated severe storms and heavy rain/flash flooding possible for Southern LA.



Day 3 National Forecast Chart

Valid Sun, Dec 17, 2017, issued 4:15 AM EST Fri, Dec 15, 2017
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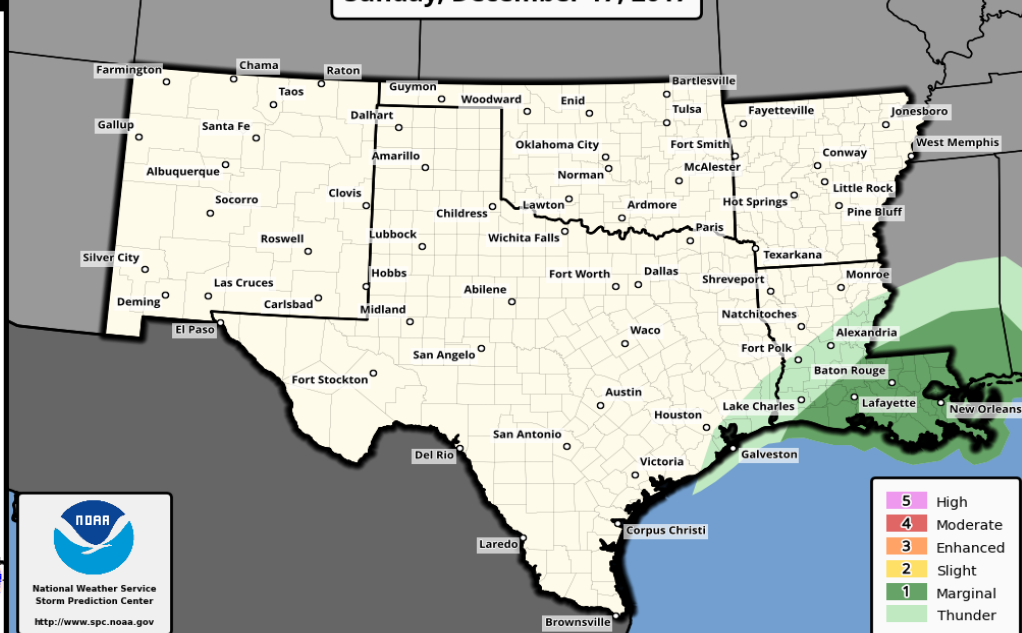
Rain
 Rain and T'Storms
 Rain and Snow
 Snow
 Flash Flooding Possible (hatched)
 Severe T'Storms Possible (hatched)
 Freezing Rain Possible (hatched)
 Heavy Snow Possible (hatched)



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Severe Weather Outlook Sunday, December 17, 2017

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 Valid Until: Dec 18 2017 0600 AM CST

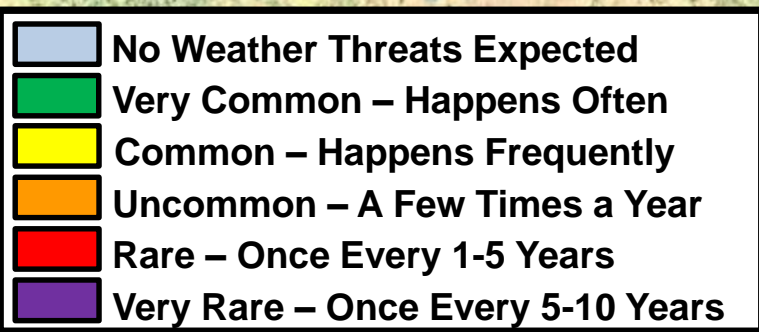


Day 4-5 Weather Hazards

Monday - Tuesday



**No Significant Weather
Impacts Expected.**

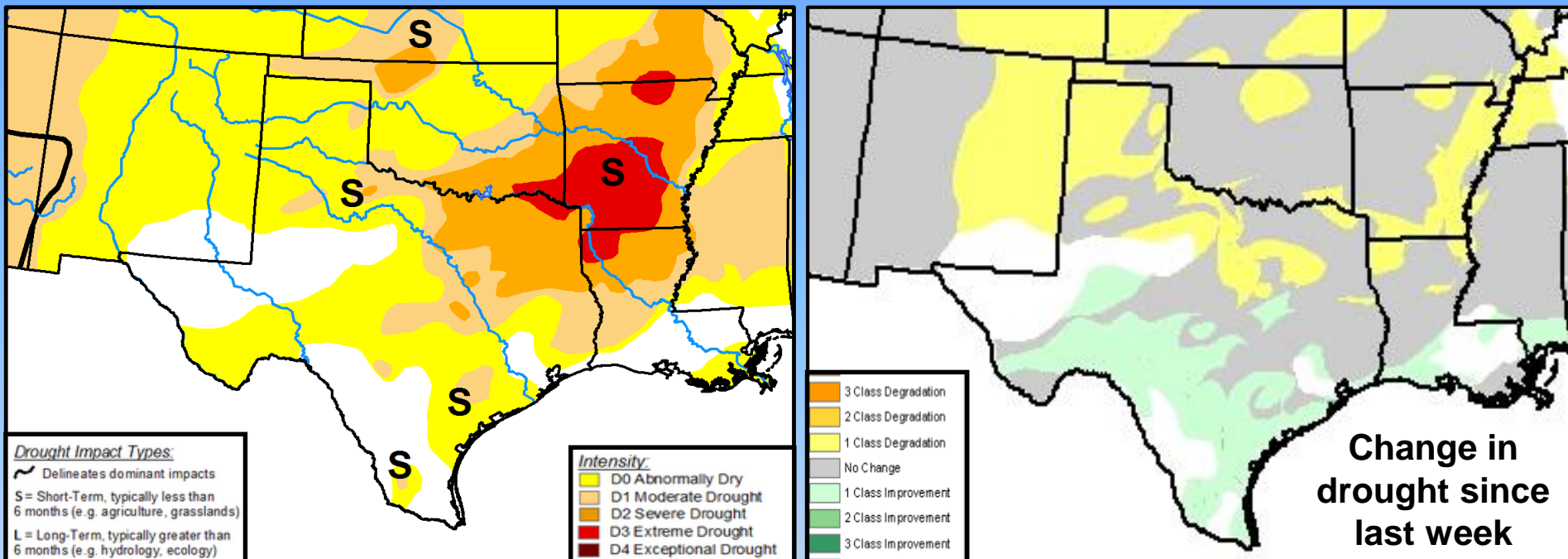


***Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.**



Drought Monitor Released December 14, 2017

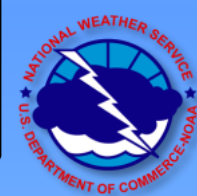
Data valid as of 6am CST, Tuesday, December 12, 2017



Drought Conditions (Percent Area) in D3-D4 (Extreme to Exceptional Drought)

State	Current	Last Week	3 Months Ago	1 Year Ago
Arkansas	42.40%	26.13%	0.00%	0.00%
Louisiana	7.07%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Oklahoma	3.12%	0.78%	0.00%	3.14%
Texas	0.76%	0.00%	0.00%	0.04%
New Mexico	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

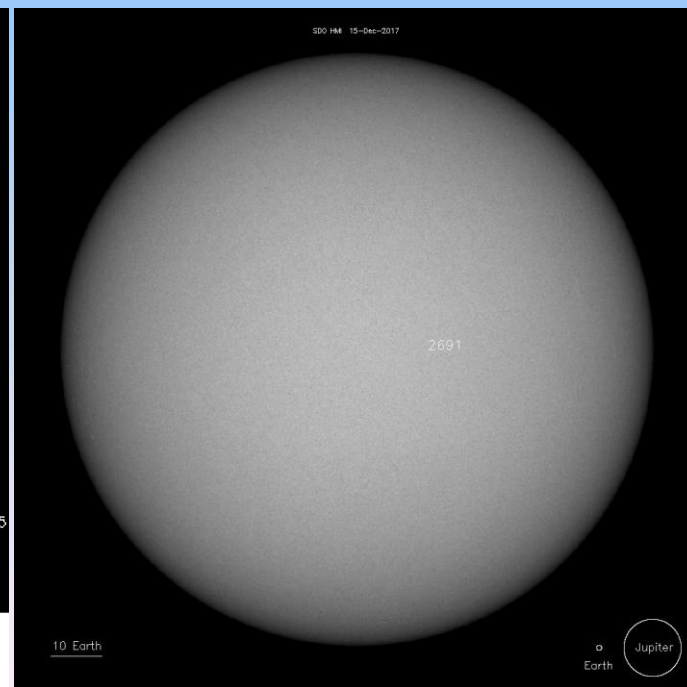
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



[Click here for a Description of the Space Weather Storm Scales](#)

[Click here for the Latest 3-Day Space Weather Forecast Text](#)

	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Geomagnetic Storms	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)	Quiet (Max Kp =)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	1%	1%	%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	1%	1%	%



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The criteria for the color codes in our briefings is below, please provide any feedback to sr-srh.roc@noaa.gov.



Weather "Threat" Matrix			
Color	Definition	Criteria	Example(s)
Green	Very Common Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines	Severe: Marginal Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over localized areas Tropical: None Fire Weather: No Watches/Warnings, fuel moisture above 10% or green up active	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thunderstorms expected over LA this afternoon; a few may produce winds to knock down a few trees Something that happens almost every day in a particular season such as <u>seabreeze</u> storms in coastal TX
Yellow	Somewhat Common – Happens Frequently Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life	Severe: Slight Risk from SPC Flooding: Nuisance flooded expected for a widespread area, or Minor flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A weak tropical wave expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire Weather: Red Flag Watches/Warnings and/or SPC outlines enhanced or critical fire outlook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some minor (brief) street flooding possible Scattered severe storms possible, one or two tornadoes expected, along with reports of strong winds/wind damage and ~1" hail
Orange	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Enhanced Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations), or Moderate flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A Tropical Storm expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Critical fire outlook for more than 2 consecutive days, Warnings for 2 or more consecutive days, D3-D4 drought conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A snow/sleet mix is expected to move through or near the DFW area tomorrow morning; travel impacts likely Numerous severe storms possible, a few tornadoes possible along with several reports of wind damage along with damaging hail Some large fires reported, burn bans advertised, critical conditions expected
Red	Rare – Once every 1-5 Years Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed Impact Potential: Will likely result in Large Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Moderate Risk from SPC Flooding: Moderate flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Hurricane expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large areas of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Category 1 hurricane will be moving towards the NW Gulf in the next few days Widespread severe storms likely, strong tornadoes, widespread wind damage, and destructive hail Large fires ongoing throughout the area with critical fire weather conditions expected to continue
Purple	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years Safety: Property Damage Unavoidable, Immediate Action to Save Life will be Needed Impact Potential: Typically Results in Long-Lived Widespread Major Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: High Risk from SPC Flooding: Major flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Major Hurricane (Cat3 or greater) expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large area of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Long term (months) of severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Category 4 hurricane is headed towards the SE LA; major storm surge, flooding and damaging winds anticipated to begin tomorrow Widespread severe storms expected, tornado outbreak probable with long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense storms